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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to tell you what I think of the Microsoft Case. This case is certainly not serving the public interest; it wasn't even brought on by the public. It was brought on because of their competitors' influence and is now being paid for with tax money. This case is a ridiculous waste of tax money. People are suing Microsoft because they can't compete. I think there is something wrong when the law allows that.

Microsoft is passing on their technology secrets to their competitors and has even promised not to retaliate when competitors create products from that technology that would compete with Microsoft. If that's not fair, then I don't see what would be. Breaking up the company would be disastrous to our country's economy.

This settlement is long past due and needs to be accepted immediately. Accepting this settlement is the right way to end this mess. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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